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**Re: New Patent Application of:**  
**Robbert van Vossen, Andrew Curtis, and Jeannot Trampert**  
**Entitled, "METHOD FOR RETRIEVING LOCAL NEAR-SURFACE**  
**MATERIAL INFORMATION"**  
**Our Reference No.: 57.0554 US NP**

Sir,

Enclosed, for filing in the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, is the above-identified, new patent application which includes 28 pages of text, 3 pages of claims (1-16), Abstract, 8 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-15), and an unexecuted Declaration.

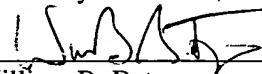
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